

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-16 are pending. Claims 3, 5-7, 9-14, and 16 have been amended to better comply with U.S. practice. No new matter has been added.

Applicants submit herewith a replacement paper copy of the Sequence Listing which conforms to 37 CFR §§ 1.821-1.825, a diskette containing the Sequence Listing in computer readable form, and a Statement to Support Filing and Submission in Accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.821-1.825.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicants have attached a Fee Transmittal form with this application. However, if any additional fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 13111-00002-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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